

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested. By the present amendment, claims 21 and 24 have been amended. Claims 20, 23, and 31-33 have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant respectfully acknowledges that claims 1-4, 18-19, 22, 29, and 30 are allowed and that claims 21 and 24-28 are allowable but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Claims 21 and 24 have been rewritten in independent form and, thus, claims 21 and 24 should be allowed. Claims 25-28 depend from claim 24 and likewise should be allowed.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 20, 23, and 31-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0032447 to Weikel in view of U.S. Patent No. 1,750,953 to Boynton. Claims 20, 23, and 31-33 have been canceled and, thus, the rejection of claims 20, 23, and 31-33 is moot.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

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